

The Youngster

The Bulletin of the Y's Men's Club of Kingswood, UK
"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



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2026 CSE Regional Conference – 4th July

There was insufficient response to our invitation to hold a “live” event here in Bristol so the Conference will be conducted on Zoom, commencing at 10 a.m. BST, (11 a.m. CET) - similar format to last year. The Agenda will be issued soon and we look forward to a good participation by members near and far.

May Coffee Morning

Well, our increase in price didn't appear to upset anyone and we managed to take £77.50 this month. Thanks again to the cake providers, helpers and customers.

Please note future dates, which will be Saturdays, 6th June, **27th June** (note change), 1st August, 5th September, 10th October, 7th November with the December date yet to be decided.



Band Concert

A very entertaining evening although the Andy Leggatt Quintet was reduced to The Andy Leggatt Quartet due to a booking misunderstanding. Despite a generous supper being included, low ticket sales led to our profit from the show not being so high as hoped.

It has been decided to give it another chance next year and hope for a better result.

Diary Dates

21 st May	Dinner Night – Speaker, Oliver Davey – “Yanks in Bristol”.
18 th June	Dinner Night – Handover + Speaker, Tony Rance – Freemasons’ Xmas Trees
20 th June	Visit to St. Fagans – National Museum of History, Wales – own transport.
4 th July	C. & S. E. Conference by Zoom, commencing 10 a.m. BST.
14 th Nov.	Quiz Night – 14 th November at The Tynings

April Dinner Night: Speaker, Chas. Ashley - from Flat Earth to Google Earth

We were pleased to welcome Chas. as our speaker to give us a presentation on the development of maps over the centuries. Taking us on a sweeping journey spanning over 27,000 years, he traced the evolution of how we understand and map our planet – starting from a carved ivory tusk dating back to roughly 25,000 BC, right up to today, with mapping tools we can carry in our pockets.



In ancient times, many believed the Earth was flat – yet seafarers knew differently, able to observe its curvature as they sailed across the oceans. Early printed maps were quite unlike those we know now: they were often simple, route-focused guides, with distances and directions rarely being clearly defined. Chas. pointed out that a modern parallel can be seen in the London Underground map, which prioritises clear navigation over strict geographical accuracy.

Systematic, precise mapping of the UK began in earnest in the mid-18th century, driven by military needs for reliable geographical data. Triangulation was the key method used, and it was Major General William Roy who laid the critical baseline of measurements that formed the foundation for what would later become the Ordnance Survey – hence the “Trig points” we find on certain high ground.



The talk then moved to the modern era, covering the development of ultra-precise timekeeping and the launch of networks of satellites. Together, these innovations made possible the Global Positioning System (GPS), a technology now so widespread it is easy to take for granted – powering everything from smartphone maps to satellite navigation systems in cars.

From ancient artefacts to cutting-edge space technology, Chas. explored this endlessly fascinating topic with impressive depth and clarity, making for a truly engaging and informative evening.

*Went to The Star of India for a meal last night.
Ordered a Chicken Tarka – very similar to a Chicken Tikkajust a little 'otter.*

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day...30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we need to repeat everything to men..."

The husband then turned to his wife and said, "What was that?"

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.

"The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid enough to be attracted to you!"

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.